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Goppert Theater Opens 13th Season with Hay Fever

Avila's Goppert Theater opens its 13th Season with Noel Coward's intriguing comedy **Hay Fever** on October 2. Performances are scheduled for October 2, 3, and 4 at 8:00 p.m. and October 5 at 2:00 p.m.

The comedy, set in the year 1925, focuses on the eccentric lifestyle of the Bliss family. When unexpected guests arrive at the Bliss home, they find themselves at the mercy of a family who has removed itself from the life of the entire population except for that of a very limited social circle.

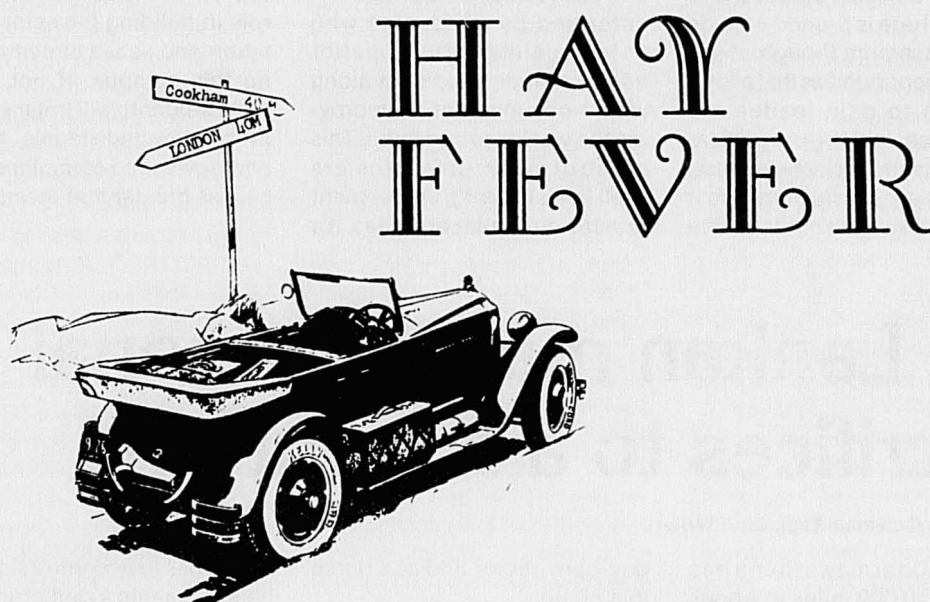
Under the direction of Randi Ruark, the **Hay Fever** Cast features Francesca Pascolini as Sorel Bliss, Mark Sutherland as Simon Bliss, Nancy Kueser as Clara, Ann Wycoff as Judith Bliss, Robert Scoles as David Bliss, Gary Mitchell as Sandy Tyrell, Angie Koester as Myra Arundel, Jared Elliott as Richard

Greatham, and Becky Monroe as Jackie Coryton.

Rurak's directing skills have shaped such divers skills as **A Thousand Clowns**, **Alice in Wonderland**, and **1776**. Last fall, he directed Ionesco's **The Bald Soprano** in Avila's **ALternate Theatre**. As an actor, his talents have been seen in **The Odd Couple**, and **The Hobbit** among others. Mr. Ruark is a graduate of Baker University, B.A. in theater.

Enjoy an evening of refreshing laughter and clever comedy. Admission is free for Avila students, faculty and staff with College I.D. Ticket prices: Adults \$6; Senior citizens/students \$5. No reservations. Tickets are available at the door the night of each performance. Come early and select the seat of your choice.

Show starts promptly at 8:00 p.m.



Avila Provides New Support Program for Freshmen

The Student Affairs Staff of the college has initiated an experimental program this fall, designed to make the transition to college life easier for new full-time freshmen. The Freshman Liasion Program is similar to that of many other progressive colleges throughout the nation.

Each of ten volunteer members of the Student Affairs staff, have accepted a special responsibility for a small group of new freshmen. They will meet with each new full-time student several times each semester to insure that students have answers to their questions about college life. The liasons will also administer several measurement instruments so that the college can learn more about the goals, ambitions and attitudes of its new students. "This program has one primary goal," says Tom Lease, Vice-President and Dean for Student Affairs, "To insure that every new full-time freshman has an additional support person on the campus who they can turn to with questions, concerns or problems."

The college provides many systems for support of students including faculty advisors, New Student Orientation leaders, peer leaders in many programs and the faculty and staff of the college in general. This program is supplemental to existing support systems and hopefully will provide an alternative source of information to new students.

"I'm really looking forward to

meeting students who I may not meet in the normal course of my duties here at Avila" states Beth Maren, Residential Coordinator and Activities Advisor for the college. "I get to know most all of the resident students, but this program will allow me to also work with commuting students."

Freshman Liasons for this year are: Weldon Gearhart, Coordinator of College Skills, Theresa Davis, Central Reservationist, Carol Frevert, Coordinator of Health Services, Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, Laura Manley, Coordinator of Career Development and Counseling, Connie Utton, Director of Financial Aid, Gary Morgan, Director of Student Development, Scott Royal-Ferris, Athletic Director, Cindy Butler, Coordinator of Financial Aid and Beth Maren, Residential Coordinator and Activities Advisor.

"Upon evaluation at the end of this year" said Tom Lease, "We will consider expanding the program to other new student populations, and involving additional faculty and staff as liasons. The program is a natural extension of Avila's caring environment, and designed to insure that students know more about Avila and themselves."

Freshman have been assigned to Liasons on a random basis, and have been notified of the program. Initial meetings will occur by the first week in October, but the relationships will continue throughout the year.

"Celebrate Your Options" Alcohol Awareness Week

by Angie Ismert

The Avila College community will be presented with information and choices regarding the use of alcohol during National Alcohol Awareness Week, October 20-24. "Celebrate Your Options" has been chosen as the theme for the week in an attempt to raise individual awareness about alcohol misuse, the responsible use of alcohol and decision-making strategies regarding the use of alcohol.

Although the activities for the week have not yet been finalized, the week will consist of presentations, films, speakers and social activities planned

around a non-alcoholic atmosphere. Beth Maren, chairperson of the Alcohol Awareness Committee, responsible for the planning of Alcohol Awareness Week, states that "The intent of the week is **not** to radically change people's drinking behavior in a few short days; rather, to provide information about alcohol that will allow individuals to make educated decisions regarding their use of alcohol."

Avila's Alcohol Awareness Week is being held in conjunction with the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Colleges and universities throughout the country are sponsoring such weeks to promote responsible alcohol use. Members of the Alcohol Awareness Committee at Avila include: Dr. Ed Donovan, Sr. Mary Fitzpatrick, Carol Frevert, Tim Barchak, Erin Gibbons, Holly Hennicke, Becky Monroe, Charlene Hermann, LaTrice Williams, Christi Davis and Beth Maren.

More detailed information will be available prior to the beginning of Alcohol Awareness Week. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the activities!!!

You hold the key

to responsible decisions
regarding alcohol

PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION

Learn about the problems
associated with alcohol abuse and misuse

Support National Collegiate
Alcohol Awareness Week
October 20-26, 1986

Editorial Notebook: What can you do?

Students have been complaining for a month now that they are bored and cannot find anything to occupy their free time. It is hard to believe that a college like Avila does not provide activities to keep the students involved outside of the classroom. From the attitude of some students, one would almost believe that Avila is creating a large injustice by not offering opportunities for students to be involved in campus activities. Right?? Wrong!

No one will argue that a major part of the college experience involves classes, studies, and exams. There is a world outside of the classroom though. It is a world of opportunities that allows students to gain leadership experience, initiative, organizational skills and social awareness.

Avila is successful because it has taken an active role in the

development of the whole person. The intellectual development of the student cannot be separated from his or her social, spiritual, emotional, and physical development. Avila provides many opportunities for growth-producing, enjoyable, and educational experiences outside of the classroom that complement the classroom experience--student government, men's and women's sports, SAM, yearbook staff, theater productions, RHA, newspaper staff, OPPA, campus ministry, AMA, and Student Union Board.

A successful college is characterized by graduates who enter society with superior intellectual development along with a commitment to improving the world around them. This sense of commitment fosters itself in a student's involvement in extra-curricular activities. If a

student does not make a commitment to improving his or her college by getting involved in various organizations and activities, how will that student aid in improving the world outside of himself or herself after college?

The opportunities are here. Avila students cannot justify an attitude of "there's nothing to do" with all of the activities that are offered here. Avila will only continue to be as good as you make it. If you have not already, it is time to discover you place in and responsibility to the Avila community. It is your campus and you need to take an active role in building the spirit, reputation and sense of community on this campus. If not, many Avila students will enter society as shallow individuals, having new developed commitments to causes greater than themselves.

Sri Lankan makes personal sacrifices to aid homeland

by Debbie Coleman-Topf, Staff Writer

Nalini Dharmawardana has traveled 10,000 miles in hopes of someday helping the people of her homeland, Sri Lanka.

Without regret, the 43-year-old last month left her husband and their two children to study nursing at Avila College for about a year.

The time and distance from her family will be worthwhile if she can become a better nurse, Mrs. Dharmawardana said.

"We need a lot of well-educated nurses in Sri Lanka," she said.

A civil war is being fought on the island that hangs like a tear-drop from the southern tip of India. Guerrillas of the Tamil minority say they are discriminated against by the Buddhist Sinhalese majority and to establish an independent homeland.

In Sri Lanka, Mrs. Dharmawardana worked as a teacher and a health-care worker in a

day-care center and as a nurse in a clinic.

Sister Barbara Moore, chairman of Avila's Department of Nursing said Mrs. Dharmawardana's wish to use her knowledge to help other Sri Lankans is commendable. She said that although many people from

she hopes to become a sister, or head nurse, in a pediatrics unit at a Sri Lankan hospital.

"I like children very much because I know they are our future generation," she said.

Mrs. Dharmawardana lives in a dormitory, where she spends much of her time studying. She

Gagani, 9. She writes them at least once a week and receives letters from them as often.

"I miss them a lot," she said, "but when I think of study the time goes quickly."

Mrs. Dharmawardana said she decided to pursue a lifelong dream of studying in the United

outside their country.

"If we all get together and try our best it will better our lives like in the United States and other developed countries she said.

Mrs. Dharmawardana said she hoped to work in a hospital here after completing her studies at Avila. She said she thinks the best way to reach her goals is to become familiar with modern technology by working in an American hospital.

"My ambition is to work and get a lot of experience," she said. "I must get the best use of this opportunity."

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—Nalini Dharmawardana
of Sri Lanka

other countries study in the United States, few return to their homelands.

"In a lot of developing countries, they don't go back," she said. "I think she's very charming and gracious and a woman of courage."

Mrs. Dharmawardana said

is taking courses in pediatrics and psychology to qualify her to become a registered nurse in Missouri, Sister Moore said.

Mrs. Dharmawardana said she misses her husband, Pathi, who is the principal of a German technical college, and their daughters, Chamila, 12 and

States after she noticed several modern hospitals under construction in Sri Lanka. A friend in Illinois recommended that she study at Avila.

Mrs. Dharmawardana, who also studied in West Germany, said she hopes other Sri Lankans will seek higher education

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New Tradition Begun With Avila's 1st Yearbook

Yearbook Covers Campus Life

by Angie Ismert

Avila will begin a new tradition with this academic year--the production of a yearbook to record the many memories of student life. The book will include everything from class pictures, theater productions, club programs, residence life, faculty and staff pictures to sports events.

James Alexander originated the idea of taking on such a time consuming project. He brought the idea to Gary Morgan, Director of Student Development and, together with the help of many dedicated staff members, they will put together a masterpiece.

"A MONSTER IS COMING" is the promotional theme being used for the yearbook. The term

"monster" refers to anything huge. The yearbook staff intends the yearbook to be just that--huge compilation of the day-to-day life at Avila.

Yearbooks cost \$24.50 and are available to purchase in the Student Life Office. The yearbook will be ready before summer break in May. It will be published by Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas. Taylor is a leading yearbook publisher in the country.

The yearbook Editorial Staff consists of: James Alexander, Gina Shay, Nancy Pickren, Lori Peterson, Debbie Amos, Paige Mead, Debbie Wernsman, Candis Donell, Tim Stoehr, Jamie Gripp and Patrick Wood.



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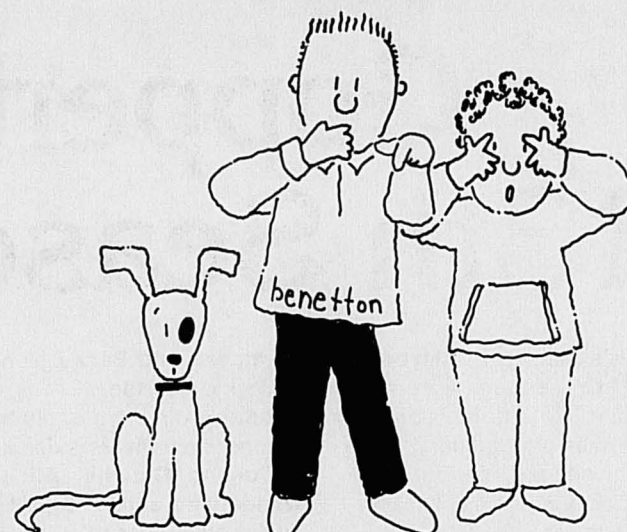
Writers, photographers, and editors are needed to fill staff vacancies. Interested students, with or without newspaper experience, are encouraged to become involved in the publication of this student newspaper.

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The Avila Examiner reserves the right to edit and print all materials received for publication.

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We've Dropped Our Pants!



The price of pants has dropped at Benetton. From now until October 31st, all of our Italian fashion jeans are 10% off with this coupon. Stop by soon. After all, we don't lower our pants very often. Plaza Ward Parkway. Oak Park and Bannister Malls.

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Excellence At Avila The Denver Funnies

Dean's List Spring 1986

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On Thursday, September 18, the Student Union Board hosted their first program of the 1986-87 year. Three comedians, Jeff Valdez, Todd Jordan, and Mike Lindsay, from the Denver based comedy club, "The Comedy Corner", appeared in the SUB program "Operation Funnybone".

The Student Union Board transformed the Marian Centre Snack Bar into the "SUB Club" where 120 students enjoyed two hours of good comedy and submarine sandwiches. The overall response to the club: OUTSTANDING!!

The show started at 8:30 pm with Mike Lindsay serving as the master of ceremonies. Mike said that the purpose of the MC is to put the audience at ease and to get them warmed up for the main acts. A second purpose is to find out more about the audience and the school. This information becomes useful for the other comedian's acts. Mike spent about 15 minutes "humoring" the crowd with stories of his trip from Denver to Kansas City which entailed the car breaking down in Brewster, Kansas (a humbling experience) and an interaction with a Kansas police officer regarding something about speeding.

Todd Jordan followed as the "middle man" He spend about 40 minutes entertaining the

audience with stories about college life, study tips and "how to take tests" and the making of television fishing shows.

Headliner Jeff Valdez, a professional from the word go, has seen his career pick up steam recently. He runs the Comedy Corner in Colorado Springs and hosts a weekly show "Almost Live from the Comedy Corner" in Denver area. The television show is expected to become nationally syndicated soon. Jeff has also spent a lot of time recently negotiating contracts with some major national corporations. In fact, he will be hosting a national competition with Jay Leno for Coors.

Jeff Valdez began the third part of the show with a great riff on his "blues harmonica". He then proceeded to entertain the crowd with a blues song about the pain of having a harmonica stuck in your mouth, singing and playing, of course, with his harmonica stuck in his mouth. After, he stated "It could have been worse—I could have played the piano."

For the next 40 minutes he joked about his heritage and religion. He said growing up as a Hispanic Jew was rough with all of his friends calling him a "lentil beaner", and how people never could properly pronounce Jalapeno pepper---it came out jelly-peno pepper. Two hours

after the SUB Club officially opened, many Avila students left relaxed and appreciating the program.

Student Union Board is in the process of planning many more activities for the school year. In the near future, you'll be hearing of the fall film series and fall dance being held near the end of October. Student Union Board provides these programs free of charge to all students, faculty and staff. The programs are made possible by the use of student activity fees.

S.U.B. meets every Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the Barefoot Room. ALL students are welcome to attend. Any suggestions for programs are welcome in the Student Life Office.

Student Union Board members include: Liesa Davis, Chair; Erin Gibbons, Special Events Coordinator; LeAnne Alexander, Film Coordinator; Paige Mead, Promotions Coordinator; Stephanie Harris, Public Relations Coordinator; Christi Davis, Katie Kussman, Diane McLaury, Candis Donell, Sylvia Brown, Kim Jurd, Latrice Williams, Karen Kinney, Nikki Wright, Lisa Moreland, Kristi Conhett, Patty Jones, Crystal Trumbo, Marie Smith, Michelle Eidson, Renee Mazeitis, Jennifer Yarshen, Lisa Grosch and Cathy Gonier.



Denver comedian, Jeff Valdez, headlined "Operation Funnybone" in the SUB Club.

Intramurals: Program Underway

Through the use of Student Activity fees, Avila College is able to offer a quality intramural and recreation program that is open to all students, faculty and staff. The program is designed and coordinated by Erin Gibbons and Steve Foerstel, with assistance from Mike Brown.

The first programs of the year are a co-ed doubles tennis tournament, being held Saturday, September 27 and Yoga which is offered Mondays from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Dance Studio. Those interested in participating in the programs can contact Erin or Steve in the Student Life Office.

The Women's Club Soccer Team began their season Sunday, September 28 against Tarkio. Other scheduled games include:



October	5	S.W. Missouri State	1PM	HOME
	11	Rockhurst	10:30AM	AWAY
	14	Benedictine	4PM	AWAY
	26	University of Kansas	11AM	AWAY
November	2	Benedictine	NOON	HOME
	8	Kansas State	1PM	AWAY
	9	University of Kansas	1PM	HOME

Additional intramural programs for the year, at this time, include coed volleyball and basketball, possibly softball and golf, and a variety of trips. Information will be available shortly for the ski trip to Breckenridge in January. Later in the year, you can look forward to details on the Spring Break trip scheduled for March.

All students are welcome to share ideas and suggestions for intramural programs with the Student Life Office.

Mark * Your * Calendar

TUESDAY, October 7		
4:00 p.m.	Student Senate Meeting	
5:00 p.m.	SUB Meeting	
TBA	Women's Volleyball Game vs. Tarkio	Away

WEDNESDAY, October 8		
3:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Westminster	Away

October 9-12
NO CLASSES — Avila Days

THURSDAY, October 9		
6:30 p.m.	Women's Volleyball Game vs. Drury	Away

FRIDAY, October 10		
7:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Lindenwood	Away
TBA	Women's Volleyball Game at Rockhurst Tournament	

TUESDAY, October 14		
4:00 p.m.	Student Senate Meeting	
5:00 p.m.	SUB Meeting	
TBA	Women's Volleyball Game vs. MO Southern	Away

WEDNESDAY, October 15		
3:30 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Park	Away

THURSDAY, October 16		
2:15 p.m.	Alcohol Awareness Comm. Meeting	
3:00 p.m.	Avila Student Social Work Assoc.	
6:00 p.m.	Women's Volleyball Game vs. Benedictine	Home

SATURDAY, October 18		
2:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. MO Baptist	Home

SUNDAY, October 19		
8:00 p.m.	Yearbook Editors' Meeting	
9:00 p.m.	Yearbook Staff Meeting	

TUESDAY, October 21		
4:00 p.m.	Student Senate Meeting	
4:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Ottawa	Away
5:00 p.m.	SUB Meeting	
TBA	Women's Volleyball Game vs. Wm. Jewell	Away

WEDNESDAY, October 22		
11:30 a.m.	OPPA Luncheon	

THURSDAY, October 23		
3:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Drake	Away
9:00 p.m.	RHA Meeting	

SATURDAY, October 25		
2:00 p.m.	Men's Soccer Game vs. Tulsa	Home

SUNDAY, October 26		
8:00 p.m.	Yearbook Editors' Meeting	
9:00 p.m.	Yearbook Staff Meeting	

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an
individual.



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